

**PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
HEADQUARTERS 171<sup>ST</sup> AIR REFUELING WING (ANG)  
PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
CORAOPOLIS, PENNSYLVANIA**

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MEMORANDUM FOR All 171<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing Personnel

SUBJECT: Environmental Policy Statement

1. In accordance with the President's Executive Order 13148, the Pittsburgh Air National Guard Base and the 171<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing will maintain compliance with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, as well as Executive Orders, DOD and U.S. Air Force environmental policy, instructions and guidance. This Environmental Policy Statement puts in motion an Environmental Management System to continuously improve interaction with the environment as we meet our mission requirements at the 171<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Pittsburgh International Airport and 258<sup>th</sup> Air Traffic Control Squadron, Johnstown-Cambria County Airport.

2. The 171<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing provides resources for global engagement, to meet national objectives and to assist local and state authorities at the direction of the governor. The 171<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing is located on 179 acres, with 44 buildings encompassing 398,694 SF, at the Pittsburgh International Airport. The 258<sup>th</sup> Air Traffic Control Squadron includes an additional 10 acres and 20,668 SF located at the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport. The 171<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing maintains and flies KC-135R Stratotanker Aircraft. Mission supporting functions of the 171<sup>st</sup> ARW include facilities maintenance, fuels storage and management, vehicle maintenance, Aircraft Generation Equipment maintenance, aircraft structural maintenance functions, fuel cell maintenance, jet engine and avionics maintenance, dining facilities operations, medical examination functions, NDI activities, supply and shipment/receiving functions, communications equipment maintenance, aircrew life support and survival equipment support, weather and air traffic control activities, as well as numerous administrative support functions.

3. In conjunction with improving mission readiness of our airmen, and other supported organizations, we must protect and conserve the natural environment in which we operate. Integrated "mission/environmental operations and risk management" makes good business sense, helps community relationships, and is quite simply the right thing to do. Specifically, each of us must:

a. Consider and address possible environmental impacts of operations and activities through pre-planning.

b. Commit to compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental policies, laws, and regulations.

c. Maintain and improve the positive relationship that we have with environmental regulators, and other government agencies in the local community.

d. Reduce pollution, conserve energy, and minimize impact to our natural environment in all we do.

e. Minimize creation of waste – especially hazardous waste – through efficient use of materials, effective inventory management, and careful planning. Strive to eliminate release of hazardous materials to the environment.

f. Conserve/recycle materials used for mission operations and support.

4. While our Wing and Risk Management Center already has a successful environmental program in place and we have an active Environmental Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH) Committee, I will be establishing an Environmental Management System (EMS) Cross Functional Team (CFT) to help focus and improve environmental programs and processes under the umbrella of an EMS. Some objectives that our EMS will accomplish are:

a. Establish environmental objectives, targets, processes, and programs related to our mission activities.


b. Provide awareness training to all personnel and, when applicable, more job-specific environmental training.

c. Monitor and measure environmental program effectiveness.

d. Determine/carry out ways to continuously improve environmental performance.

5. Commanders and supervisors will brief this policy to all personnel and post copies in shops, work areas, and offices as appropriate. It will be available on the 171<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing web site and to the public upon request through our Public Affairs Office.

6. As you are aware, it is every airman and civilian's responsibility to collectively embrace environmental stewardship. Implementation of this Environmental Policy must begin now and I expect your full support and cooperation.

  
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